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and keep it up in the name of the Law."



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BLACK MEN, NOT OF MEN OF ANY COMPLEXION,
BUT LIKE THE LAWS OF GOD—THE TEN COMMAND-
MENTS AND THE LORD'S PRAYERS—LET THEM
SPEAK OF THE PEOPLE."—HORACE MAYNARD.

These must be made平等: they must not only be
published, but their social power must be destroyed, and
after making them so, every white man and the
people of color must be compelled to do the same, or else
of course there will be inflicted that great suffering upon the
country.—ANDREW JOHNSON, April 1, 1865.

Let us have Peace.—Gen. U. S. GRANT.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR OF TENNESSEE,
Hon. W. B. STOKES,
OF DE Kalb COUNTY,

[Subject to the decision of the State Republican Con-
vention.]

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Adieu.

PATRONS OF THE FLAG: For four
years we have been familiar friends.
Through the mysterious orderings of
Divine Providence, this pleasurable
converse must now cease, you remain
at your Alpine homes, to enjoy their
cheer, comforts and delights—you
are still to tread these sequestered
dingles—press the heather of these
dar "blue hills," and drink the wa-
ters that gush in sparkling purity
from their sides and breathe the
healthful air, whose unseen waves
gently sway the tree-fringe of their
summits. We must leave this en-
chanted land, for a more arduous,
unobtrusive and responsible post of
duty and labor, but still to soil for
our country, its common nationality,
its institutions of freedom, and the
glorious human, harmonizing and
exalting principles of the Republican
party.

We do not regret the independent
candidate of Judge Shackelford be-
yond its bad example and the un-
enviable attitude in which he places
himself before the people. Conven-
tions have passed into a universally
recognized custom, and custom is in-
exorable. Aspirants for office, politi-
cal or judicial, who refuse to abide
in the conduct of this journal, we

have had but one political creed and
practice. We hang our banner upon
the outward wall, with that motto in-
scribed in bold and unmistakable
characters upon its folds, "The Union
now and forever." We have no reg-
ular over our course, but shall continue
to have its advocacy recorded by
those, whose hearts have throbbed
and burned under the ennobling and
exalting inspiration of the sentiment.
Combinations have arrayed them-
selves against us, with all the ener-
gies their evil cause could call forth,
but we have moved on successfully as
little heeding their impotent hostility,
as the sun the Scythian arrow aimed
at its glowing disc.

We have made no deflections from
our principles, turning neither to the
right or the left to avoid the Ephesian
beasts that crouched in our way. We
have paid our honest debts and there is
not a dollar of incumbrance upon our
office.

Judge Andrew McClain is one of the
most prominent and efficient Repub-
licans in the Middle Division of the
State. Upon the bench, as a Circuit
Judge, he has in the highest de-
gree displayed the qualifications re-
quisite to a correct and intelligent ad-
ministration of the law.

Judge Alvin Hawkins was an in-
cumbent of the Supreme bench when
the validity of the franchise law came
up for decision, and, true to the best
interests of the State, and with the
unction of justice and conscience, he
declared it unconstitutional. That deci-
sion stands as a breakwater against
the mad waves of rebel anarchy and
violence that would overwhelm the
loyal men of the State, and restore the
Harris dynasty.

Sustain this ticket with your bal-
lot. Its triumph is not only a prophecy,
but a pledge and guaranty of an
enlightened and incorruptible
judiciary.

Harmony.

The friends of Gen. Stokes and
Gov. Senter will place their names
before the nominating convention
on the 20th. Their respective merits
will be urged with zeal and earnestness,
judging from the indications of
the present time. It's perfectly pro-
per for both aspirants to labor strenuously
and energetically for the distin-
guished honor to be conferred. The
interests of the State will be promoted
under the administration of either, and
all apprehensions of peril from the spec-
ies of the one or the defeat of the
other are utterly groundless. Then,
there can be no justification of a dis-
ruptive and disorganizing obstinacy,
or the feeble flesh resists the consuming
embrace of the Moloch of time.

Ye native vales, with lovely shades
and cool retreats, where the flower
loves to unfold its beauty and waste its
perfume; ye winding streams, over
whose silvery currents the willow del-
ights to weep; ye long shadow-cast-
ing forests upon whose harps the
breath of nature discourses the wild-
est anthems to its God; and ye moun-
tains, whose rocky columns based
deep in earth seem to pillar the throne
of the Eternal; absence cannot teach
us to forget thee. With sadness we
bid the adieu.

We do not retire from the newspaper
per se, but in the editorial manage-
ment of the Republican organ at the
State Capitol will present our old
front, and with renewed vigor and de-
termination shall labor indefatigably,
not to the disappointment of our
friends and patrons.

The Supreme Bench.

We are loth to accept the general
indifference manifested in regard to
the State Judicial election as an evi-
dence that the people are entirely
unconcerned as to what character of
merit shall occupy the high and re-
sponsible position of the Supreme
Judgeship. The fact is too patent
to be disguised, that the conviction
thoroughly pervades the Democracy,
that the opportune moment has ar-
rived—to disregard all stratagems and
begin a bold and open warfare upon
the legislation since '63. The election
of Nelson and Shackelford will inaug-
urate a wholesale slaughter of disfrac-
hising enactments, and every restric-
tion upon rebel malignity and vindictiveness
will be summarily removed.

When this matter is viewed in all
its bearings, and the fatality of Demo-
cratic ascendancy comes in prospect,
all true and earnest Republicans, will
relinquish personal feeling, and rally
with a singleness of aim and desire
to the standard of their party. This
path of duty surely leads to the goal
we seek.

The Judicial Election.

It is with extreme regret that we
note in the Republican ranks an
apathy and an indifference in regard
to the election on the 27th instant.
This is one of the most important
elections that ever came before the
people of Tennessee. We may truly
say that the perpetuity of a loyal
government in our State depends upon
it. The abrogation of the Franchise
Law would be our ruin, and such will
be the case in the event of the suc-
cess of the opposition ticket. There
must be no division in our ranks, but
the loyal men of the State must go to
the polls on the 27th in unbroken
columns, and vote for Andrews, Mc-
Clain and Hawkins. Let not a single
Republican regard his vote and influ-
ence as unnecessary, but work vigor-
ously and untiringly, as if the matter
rested upon him individually. The
line of demarcation between the
friends and foes of the State Govern-
ment should never be obliterated.
This is our only safety. Remember
this, and be up and doing to secure a
loyal Judiciary.

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Union Meeting at Elizabethton.

A Convention to nominate a Re-
publican candidate to represent this
Senatorial District in the 36th Gen-
eral Assembly was called at the Court
House, in Elizabethton, on Monday
the 3rd inst., at which the following
proceedings were had:

On motion of Col. A. J. Tipton,
Col. W. G. Emmert was called to the
Chair, and F. S. Singletary, of Carter,
and J. D. Mullennix, of Sullivan, were
appointed Secretaries.

The Chair then stated the object of
the meeting in a clear, forcible and
eloquent manner.

On motion, a committee of six were
appointed to draft resolutions and sub-
mit the name of a suitable man for
nomination, who after retiring for a
short period, returned and submitted
the following, which was unanimously
adopted:

Resolved, That the basis of repre-
sentation adopted by the Republican
State Executive Committee be adopt-
ed by this Convention as the basis
upon which the ballot for the Repub-
lican candidate for State Senator of
this Senatorial district be cast.

Resolved, That, in view of the
fact that Col. John R. Miller, of Carter,
in whose marked ability, sterling
integrity and high moral worth we have the fullest confidence,
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